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The Honorable John Barrasso  
Chairman  
Committee on Environment  
and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Tom Carper  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Environment  
and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

I am writing today to update you on the progress that we are making in responding to a number of oversight letters sent by members of the Committee on Environment and Public Works to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

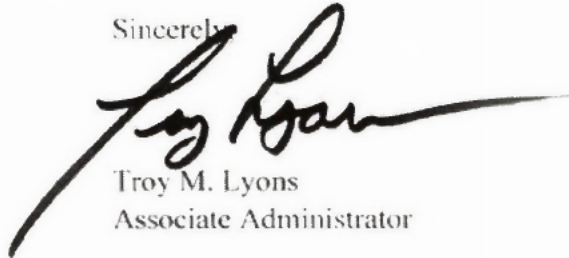
The EPA is committed to working with the committee to accommodate reasonable requests for information and documents. As I explained during a recent meeting with the majority and minority staffs, the EPA has centralized searches currently underway that may yield documents relevant to many of the committee members' document requests included in the:

- July 13, 2017, letter regarding drinking water issues;
- May 29 and June 29, 2017, letters regarding the Board of Scientific Counselors;
- March 31 and June 22, 2017, letters regarding chlorpyrifos;
- May 16, 2017, letter regarding Tate Bennett;
- April 4, 2017, letter regarding the HONEST Act; and,
- July 11, 2017, staff email regarding documents related to the EO 17777 memo.

As we have explained, these centralized electronic searches for documents can be arduous and time-consuming. After documents are collected, they need to be individually reviewed to determine whether they are responsive and whether they need any redactions for personal privacy or otherwise confidential or privileged material. Nevertheless, we are working as expeditiously as possible on these requests and will provide the committee with responsive documents on a rolling basis as they become available.

We remain committed to working with you on these matters. And, as always, we are prepared to provide you with updates upon your request. If you have further questions, please contact me at (202) 564-4987 or [Lyons.Troy@epa.gov](mailto:Lyons.Troy@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Troy Lyons", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Troy M. Lyons  
Associate Administrator

cc: The Honorable James M. Inhofe  
The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito  
The Honorable John Boozman  
The Honorable Roger Wicker  
The Honorable Deb Fischer  
The Honorable Jerry Moran  
The Honorable Mike Rounds  
The Honorable Joni Ernst  
The Honorable Dan Sullivan  
The Honorable Richard C. Shelby

The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin  
The Honorable Bernard Sanders  
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